

Near-Term Project Impediments: Coalition for Delta Projects Report

Summary: The Council will receive an update on activities of the Coalition for Delta Projects in 2012-14. Project proponents will highlight several important projects and discuss common barriers to progress. This is an informational item, and no action is being requested of the Council.

Background

On August 23, 2012, representatives of the Coalition for Delta Projects discussed with the Council the Coalition's creation, concept, and its efforts to identify "no/low-risk", near-term Delta projects that had received broad support by their diverse group of water stakeholders.

By early October 2012, 37 individual water leaders through this Coalition signed a letter to Governor Brown identifying 42 Delta projects that should move forward through the necessary regulatory and other processes. (See Attachment 1) Since that time, even more projects have been identified to join the existing list. Some projects are already underway while others require more foundational work to determine feasibility.

This presentation is intended to provide an update to the Council on Coalition progress over the last year. Although the growing list of projects is not prioritized, the Coalition presenters will discuss the progress of several major projects and how they relate to the Delta Plan. The Council has expressed concern over the delays for worthy and beneficial projects that support the coequal goals. Through mini case studies of current projects, the presenters will focus on the challenges to making progress and what it has taken to overcome them. By identifying commonalities in the types of challenges and the creative ways they've been addressed, the Coalition offers the Council information on where to focus attention and resources as it implements the Delta Plan.

During the presentation or in follow up discussion, the Council may wish to consider these questions:

- What has the Coalition learned through this process?
- Can the creative solutions become more widely applied to spark progress of other projects?
- Does the Coalition have recommendations on early actions that can be taken in an effort to minimize challenges?
- What is the greatest need to get these projects moving, *i.e.* funding and/or coordination?

List of Attachments

Attachment 1: Delta Coalition Letter to Governor Brown, October 17, 2012

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